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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said reinforcing core material is one of a fiber material and a fiber material impregnated with a resin, the fiber material comprising one of a woven fabric and a knitted fabric.
3. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 2, wherein said fiber material is selected from the group consisting of carbon fibers, glass fibers and aramid fibers.
4. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 2, wherein said fiber material is selected from the group consisting of synthetic fibers and natural fibers.
5. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said fiber material comprises metal fibers.
6. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said fiber material is a fiber material impregnated with a thermoplastic resin.
7. (Previously Presented) The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 6, wherein said thermoplastic resin is an acrylic resin, polyamide resin, polyester resin, polypropylene resin, ABS resin, polycarbonate resin, polypropylene-ethylene resin or a modification or blend of these resins.

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8. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 6, wherein at least one of said first and second resin surface layers and said fiber material-impregnating resin are composed of the same material.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein at least one part of at least one of said first and second resin surface layers is a transparent resin layer.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 9, wherein said reinforcing core material is provided with a design including at least one of a picture, a drawing, characters, and a pattern, and the transparent layer lies over said design.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 34, wherein said casing part comprise the entire casing for the portable electronic device.

12-15. **(Cancelled)**

16. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 9, wherein said core material is a film, sheet, or net made of paper, plastic, metal, fiber product or a laminate thereof.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of the portable electronic device of claim 16, wherein said core material is provided with a design comprising at least one of a picture, a drawing, characters, and a pattern.

18-33. **(Cancelled)**

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34. **(Currently Amended)** A casing part for a portable electronic device, comprising:
- a reinforcing core material having a curved shape and at least two surfaces;
 - a first resin surface layer covering a first of the at least two surfaces of said core material;
 - a second resin surface layer covering a second of the at least two surfaces of said core material on a side opposite to said first surface, said second resin surface layer being integrated with said first resin surface layer on at least a part of said second resin surface layer; and
 - a resin-made structural member formed integrally with at least one of said first and second resin surface layers and protruding from said at least one of said first and second resin surface layers;

wherein said reinforcing core material is preliminarily formed before the first and second resin surface layers are injected molded on the reinforcing core material.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part for a portable electronic device according to claim 34, wherein said structural member includes at least one selected from the group consisting of a casing screw boss, a slide stopper structure, a partition, a reinforcing rib and a part anchoring structure.

36. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part for a portable electronic device according to claim 34, wherein said second resin surface layer is integrated with said first resin surface layer such that the core material is fully covered.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of a portable electronic device of claim 4, wherein the synthetic fibers comprise at least one of nylon and polyester.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The casing part of a portable electronic device of claim 4, wherein the natural fibers comprise at least one of hemp and cotton.

- 39-40. **(Cancelled)**

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41. (New) A casing for a portable electronic device, comprising:

a core preform for reinforcing the casing, wherein said core preform is premolded from a mesh impregnated with a thermoplastic resin, and wherein said core preform is premolded into a predetermined curved shape;

a first resin surface layer which is injection molded onto a first surface of said core preform using a first mold, wherein said first resin surface layer is firmly bonded to the core preform during the injection molding because of the thermoplastic resin previously impregnated in the core preform, and wherein said first resin surface layer comprises:

at least one resin-made structural member extending from the first resin surface layer, said at least one resin-made structural member also being formed by the injection molding of the first mold and thus also firmly bonded to the core preform; and

a second resin surface layer which is injection molded onto a second surface of said core preform using a second mold, said second surface being on a side opposite from said first surface, wherein said second resin surface layer is firmly bonded to the core preform during the injection molding because of the thermoplastic resin previously impregnated in the core preform;

whereby the core preform in the predetermined curved shape is embedded, by the first and second resin surface layers, within the casing, thereby strengthening the structural integrity of the casing.

42. (New) The casing of a portable electronic device of claim 41, wherein the core preform is premolded and impregnated with thermoplastic resin by heating and pressing the mesh between two thermoplastic resin sheets in a molding die.

43. (New) The casing of a portable electronic device of claim 41, wherein the injection molding of the first and second resin surface layers may be performed using a single injection apparatus comprising the first and second molds.